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WHERE TO LOOK FOR WORK

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THIS BOOKLET WILL HELP YOU . . . if you plan to do farm work in Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, or Washington.

Areas of the West where folks who follow the crops are hired during some part of the year are shown in this booklet. Work information about each area is in the booklet, too. All these details will help you plan your trip from job to job.

HERE IS SOMETHING NEW! Information Stations . . . farm labor Information Stations are set up along the main highways. Watch for the farm labor Information-Station road signs as you travel.



Did you see the small flag markers, like this one, which appear on the map on page 1? These flags show where the Information Stations may be found. This same flag marker is also used on other pages of this booklet to point out stations.

You may find a farm labor Information Station in a building beside the road. Or, it may be set up in a business section of a town. At every station some-

one will be on duty to give you information on farm jobs. This service is free.

Information is kept up-to-date by telephone and telegraph. Reliable details on crops, wages, and housing are on hand. You will be able to find out what jobs are available in all areas of the seven Western States that are shaded in this booklet. Visit a station. Find out for yourself if the information will help you.

KEEP THIS BOOKLET. Use it as you would a road map. It will guide you from one work area to another if you will give it a chance to work for you.



This mark on the State maps on the inside pages is to show you where farm labor offices are located. These farm labor offices are open to help you find farm jobs. Over 500,000 farm workers found jobs through western farm labor offices in 1946. Maybe some of those 500,000 persons are friends of yours. Road signs have been placed along the highways to advertise the farm labor offices. Ask for farm jobs at the farm labor offices.

Look for Information-Station road signs.



Families work in strawberry fields.



SOMEWHERE ALONG WESTERN HIGHWAYS there is seasonal farm work being done every month of the year. The work may be in Arizona during winter. Or it may be in Washington in summer. Many of the jobs take more labor than can be hired nearby. Extra help is needed.

Some farm workers make a business of doing these farm jobs that need extra help. The jobs may be located far apart. Sometimes they are in different States. The jobs are of all types. Some of the work is heavy—work which takes a tough-muscled man to handle. It takes a husky man to handle sacks of wheat or load sugar beets. Other work is suited to families. A man, his wife, and older youth can pick cotton or strawberries, for example.

To tell you about the different job areas and different kinds of work to be done is why this booklet was printed.

There is a chance for a worker to specialize in a particular

TRAVEL TIPS. If you plan to travel and do farm work in any of the Western States, it is wise to carry your own living equipment. By living equipment is meant cooking utensils, dishes, and bedding.

If you own a trailer house or a tent, bring it with you. A trailer house or tent will earn money for you because you will

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ASK FOR INFORMATION.

CAUTION: Crops do fail . . . ASK FOR INFORMATION.

It takes husky men to load sugar beets.



crop which he likes. Tree fruits, for example . . . peas . . . potatoes. Many farm workers get to be highly skilled. Some of the skilled workers follow no other crops but their specialty. A season's work may take them several hundred miles through two, three, or more States.

These traveling farm workers are necessary if farmers are to get their crops to market. And the farm workers find it profitable. Many of them have been "following the crops" for years.

Western farm workers usually earn their pay in one of three ways. The most common method of pay is by a piecework rate. Much harvest work is paid for by this method. Other work is paid for by the hour or by the day.

All farmers want good workers. Sloppy, careless workers will not find steady jobs. There is opportunity in the West for good farm workers who want to get seasonal jobs.

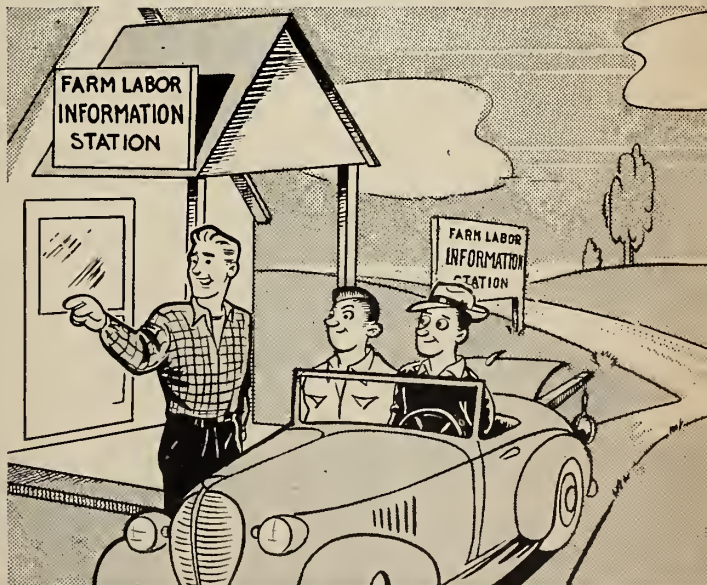
be able to take jobs where housing is not furnished. Many jobs where no housing is available are listed by farm labor offices.

Housing is furnished by farmers on many jobs. However, there is not enough to go around. More housing is being built as materials become available. In the meantime, it will mean money to you to go prepared with your own living equipment.

CAUTION: Crop seasons vary . . . ASK FOR INFORMATION.

CAUTION: The number of people looking for farm work changes . . . ASK FOR INFORMATION.

Stop! Find out about farm jobs.





Job Facts

HOUSING.—More than 50 Government or farmer-organization camps in California are being operated for seasonal farm workers. Space here and on the maps will not permit naming them individually. However, the location of the camps is indicated on the maps. Consult nearby farm labor offices for exact names and locations.

These 50 or so camps are by no means all the housing available in the State for farm workers. Many farmers own cabins, bunkhouses, tent camps, or trailer parks. Other farmers provide only camping space. Some supply no facilities. Here again, the farm labor offices should be consulted for information.

During periods of peak labor needs there are sometimes demands for more workers than can be housed. To avoid housing difficulties, it is wise for farm workers to carry camping equipment. Many workers use trailer houses. Camping or trailer space can be obtained without difficulty.

A TULELAKE-KLAMATH.—See section "E" under Oregon, page 14.

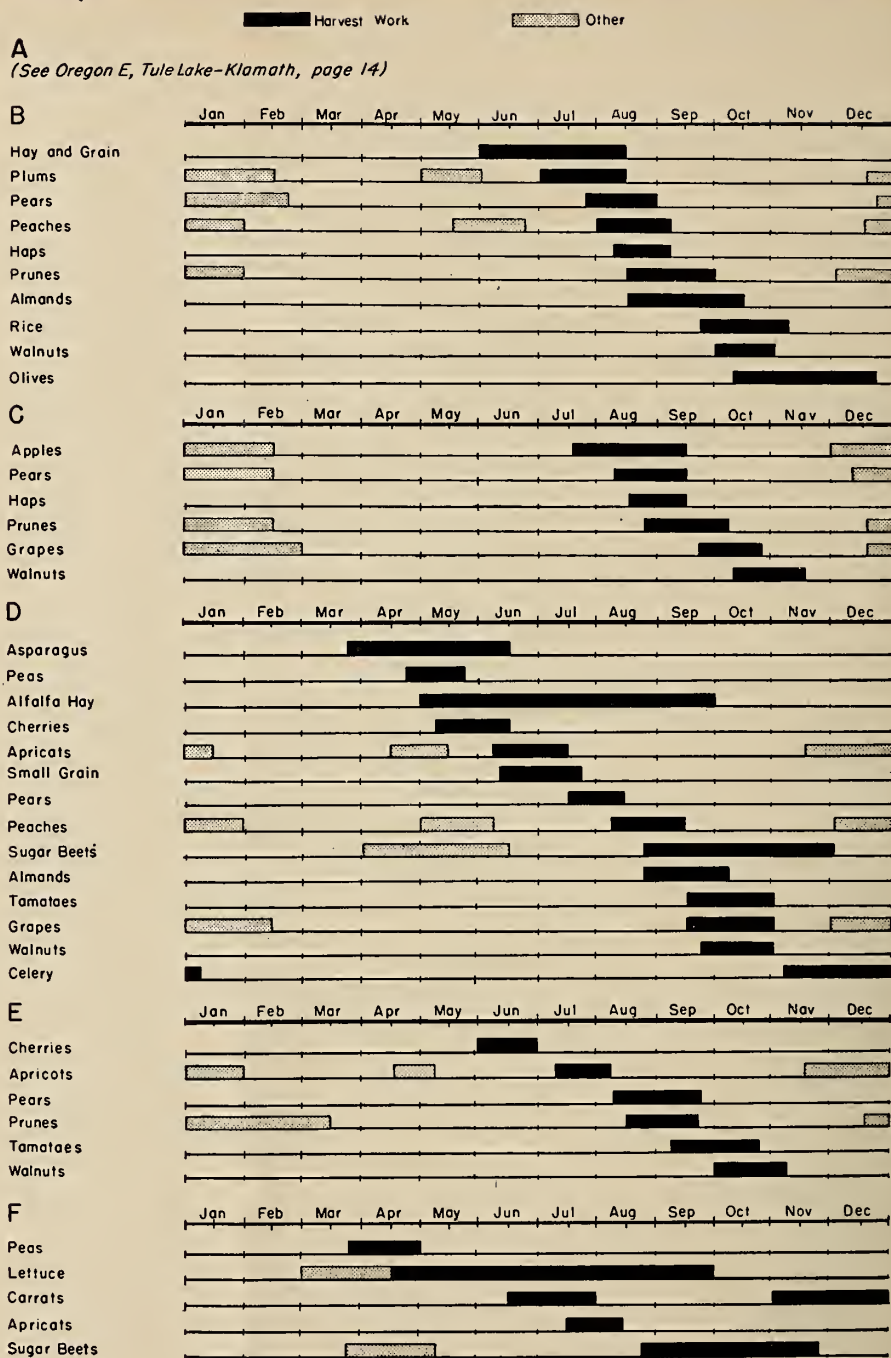
B SACRAMENTO VALLEY.—Heaviest demand for help is in tree fruits, nuts. Family-type workers used. Men knock almonds, walnuts, prunes . . . women, older youth pick. Peaches, cherries, pears, plums use ladder workers, packing help. Some hand picking of hops. Men only used in hay, grain, rice harvest.

C NORTH COAST.—Big crops are hops, prunes, wine grapes, pears, apples. Work suited to family groups or singles. Men knock prunes, work in driers . . . women, older youth pick. Ladder, shed, dry-yard work in apples, pears. Hop picking.

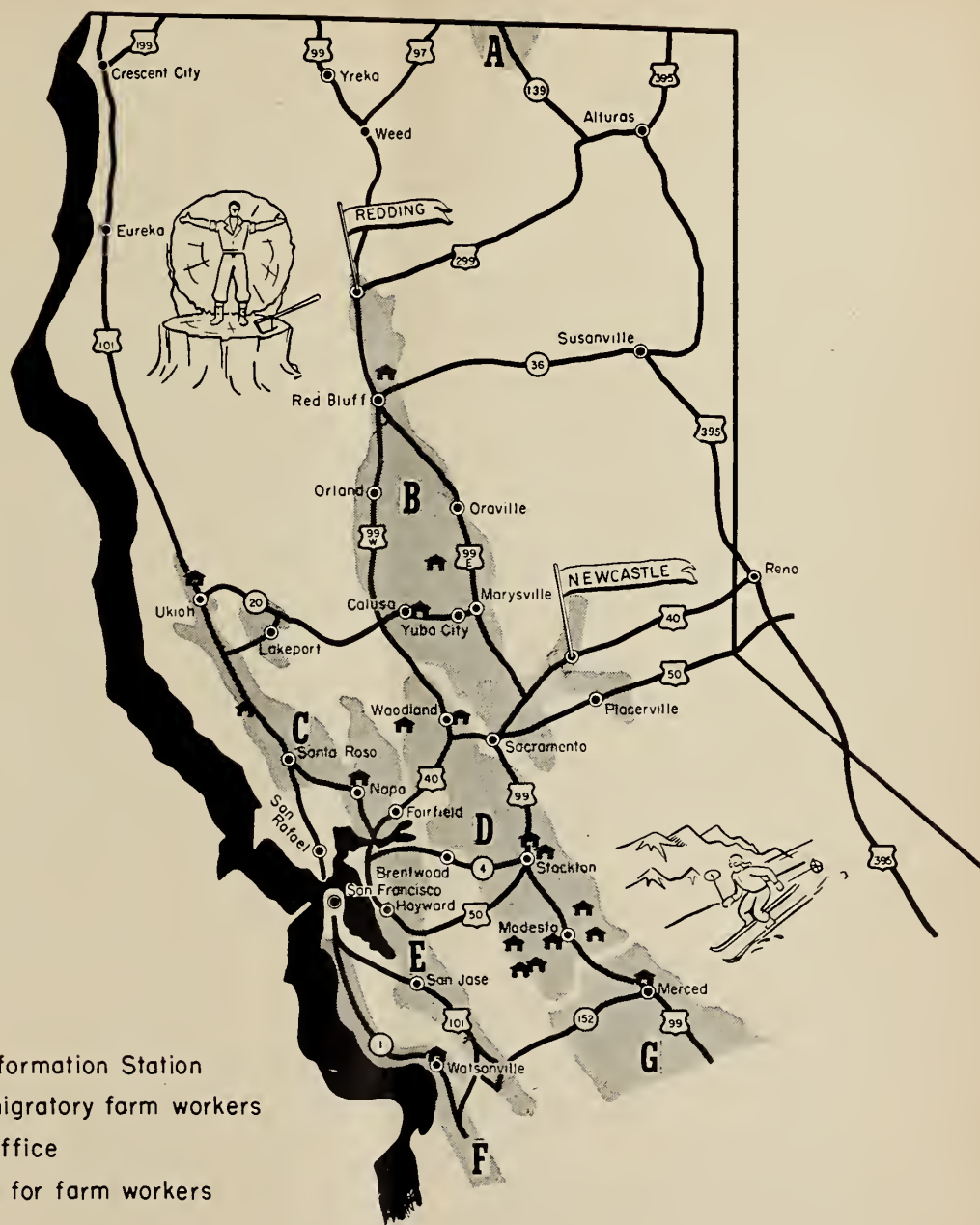
D DELTA.—Important vegetable, fruit area. Family groups fitted for work in cherries, apricots, peaches, grapes, peas, tomatoes, almonds, walnuts. Men preferred for sugar-beet thinning, hoeing, topping, and for some operations in asparagus, tomatoes, vegetables.

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E SANTA CLARA, CASTRO, LIVERMORE, SAN RAMON VALLEYS.—Important tree-fruit, tomato locality. Singles, family workers suitable. Picking, shed, drier, dry-yard work in apricots, prunes, pears, walnuts.

F CENTRAL COAST.—Lettuce, tomato, apricot crops use largest number of workers. Mostly men workers used in lettuce fields. Stoop work . . . thin, hoe, harvest. Apricot, tomato harvest work suited to family groups. Ladder work in apricots, apples. Packing sheds, dry yards use men, women, older youth.

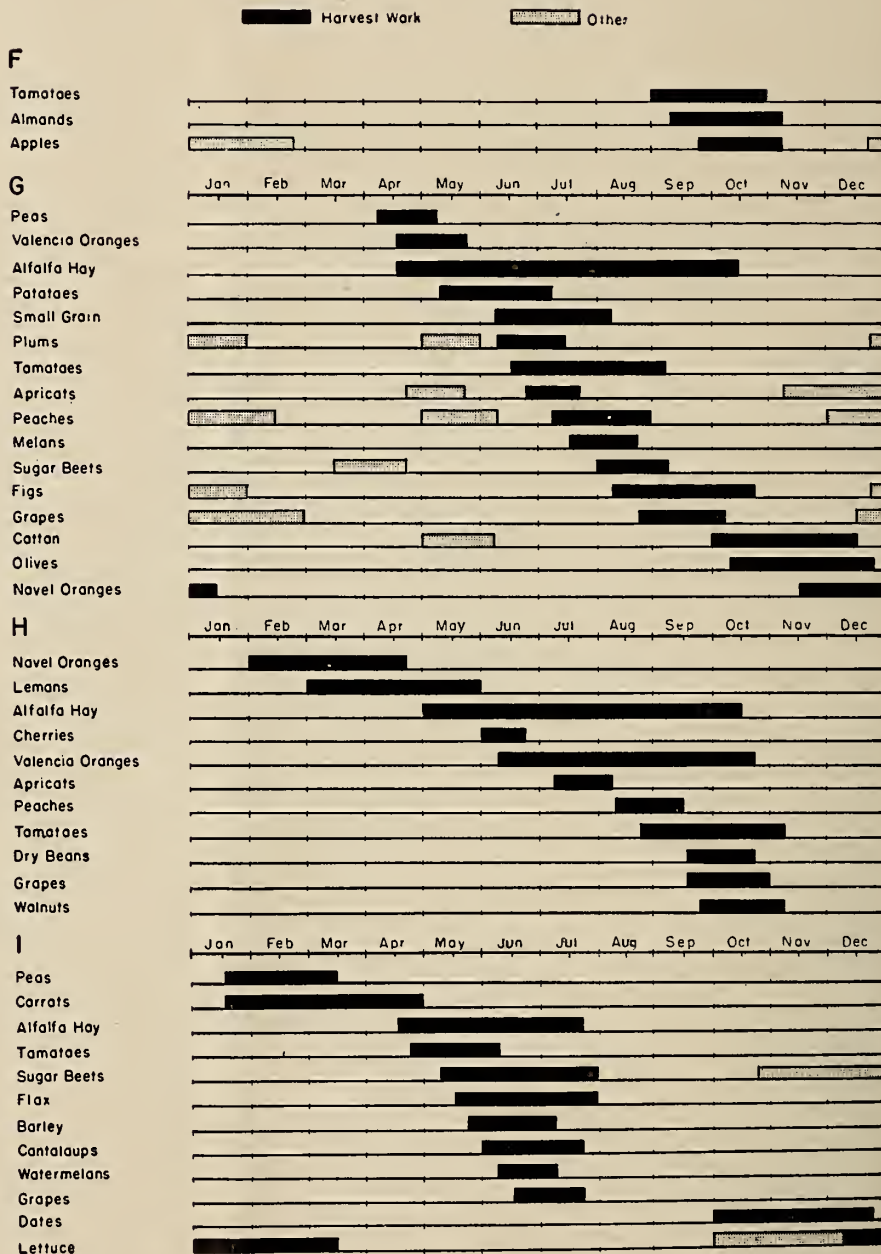
G SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY.—Big needs for labor in cotton and grapes. Families or single workers suitable. Early potato crop takes labor to pick, load, sort . . . both field and shed help employed. Tree fruits important . . . peach crop takes largest number of ladder workers. Citrus pickers, packers used. Orchard work handled mostly by men. Women work in sheds.

H SOUTH COAST.—Here is where most of the oranges, lemons are grown. Ladder jobs in orchards usually for men. Both men, women work in packing sheds. Walnut harvest suitable for family groups. Men shake trees . . . women, older youth pick up, hull nuts. Cherries, apricots, peaches, important tree crops. Vegetable crops grown for nearby high population area.

I IMPERIAL, COACHELLA, PALO VERDE VALLEYS.—Winter vegetable growing area . . . carrots, lettuce, peas important. Field work done mostly by men. Some women pull, tie carrots . . . pick peas. Both men, women work in vegetable packing sheds. Pickers and packers used in cantaloups, dates, grapefruit.

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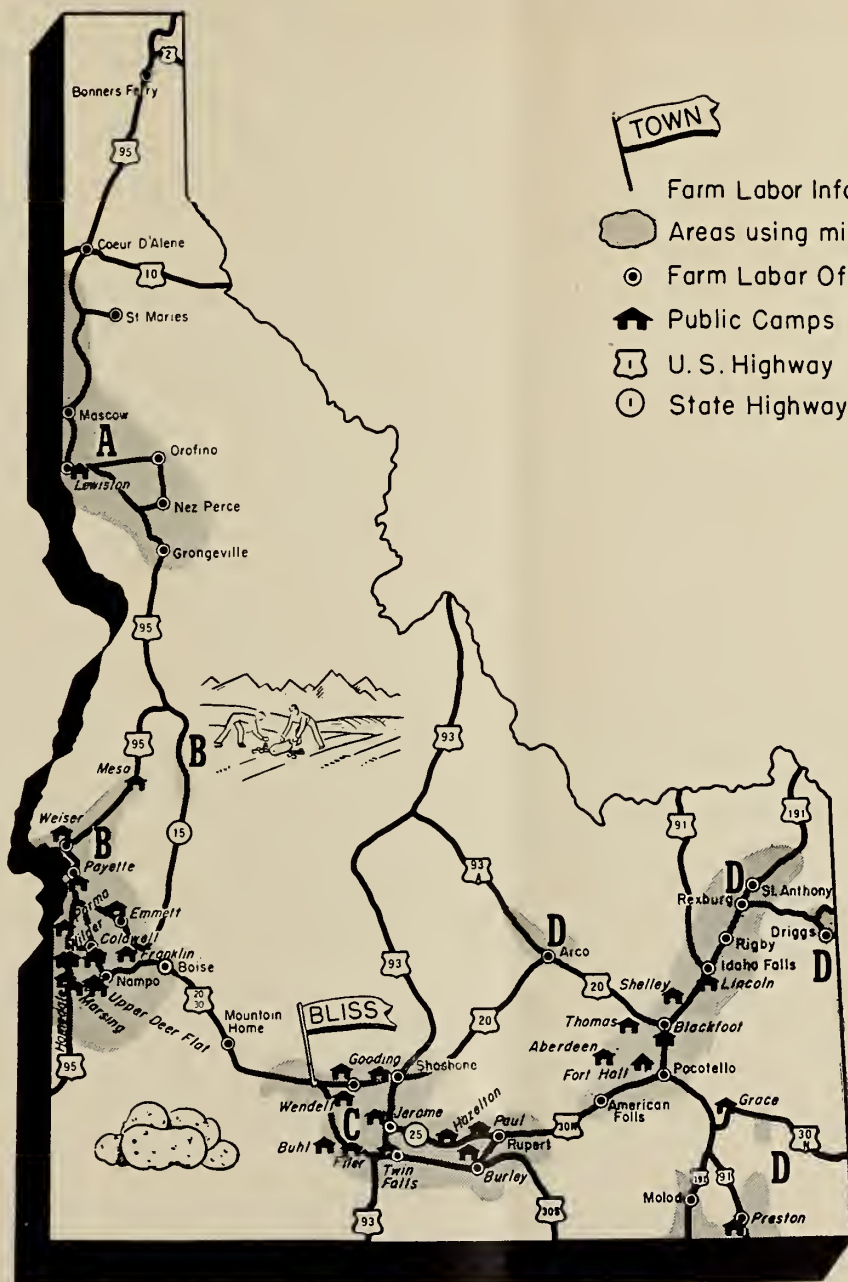
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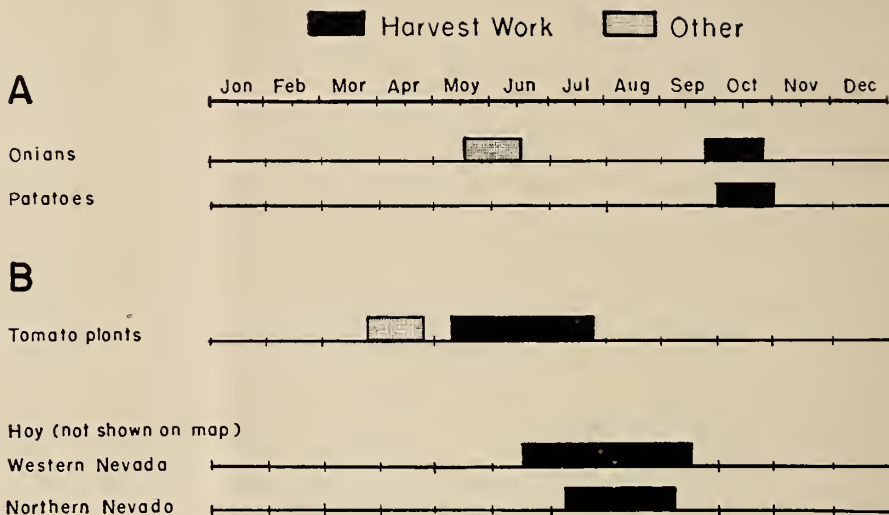
Job Facts

A WESTERN NEVADA.—During season, stoop jobs in potato, onion fields are offered. Single men preferred. Work centers at Reno, Yerington, and Lovelock. Enough housing . . . bunkhouse or barrack style . . . located on ranches to care for all single men required.

B SOUTHERN NEVADA.—Weeding, pulling, packing tomato and celery plants. Growers prefer single men. All workers required are housed on the farms.

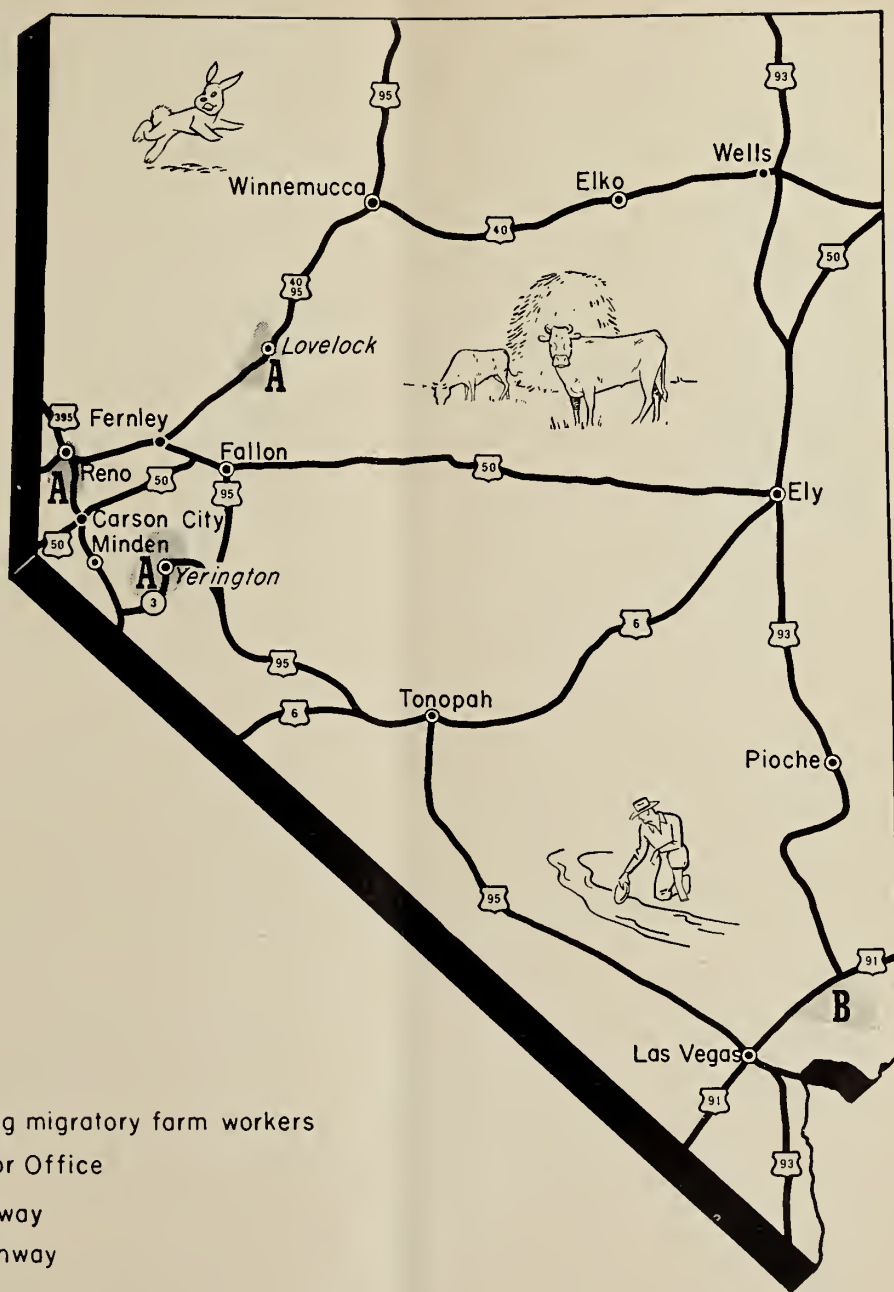
HAY AREAS NOT SHOWN ON MAP.—Haying is a summer-long job on farms and livestock ranches in Nevada. Baler men, "bale bucks," tractor drivers, teamsters, stackers . . . all fit into crews. Single men preferred. Some jobs offered couples where the women will cook for the crew. Bunkhouse living quarters, portable tent camps provided for all men employed. Living quarters provided for hired couples, too.





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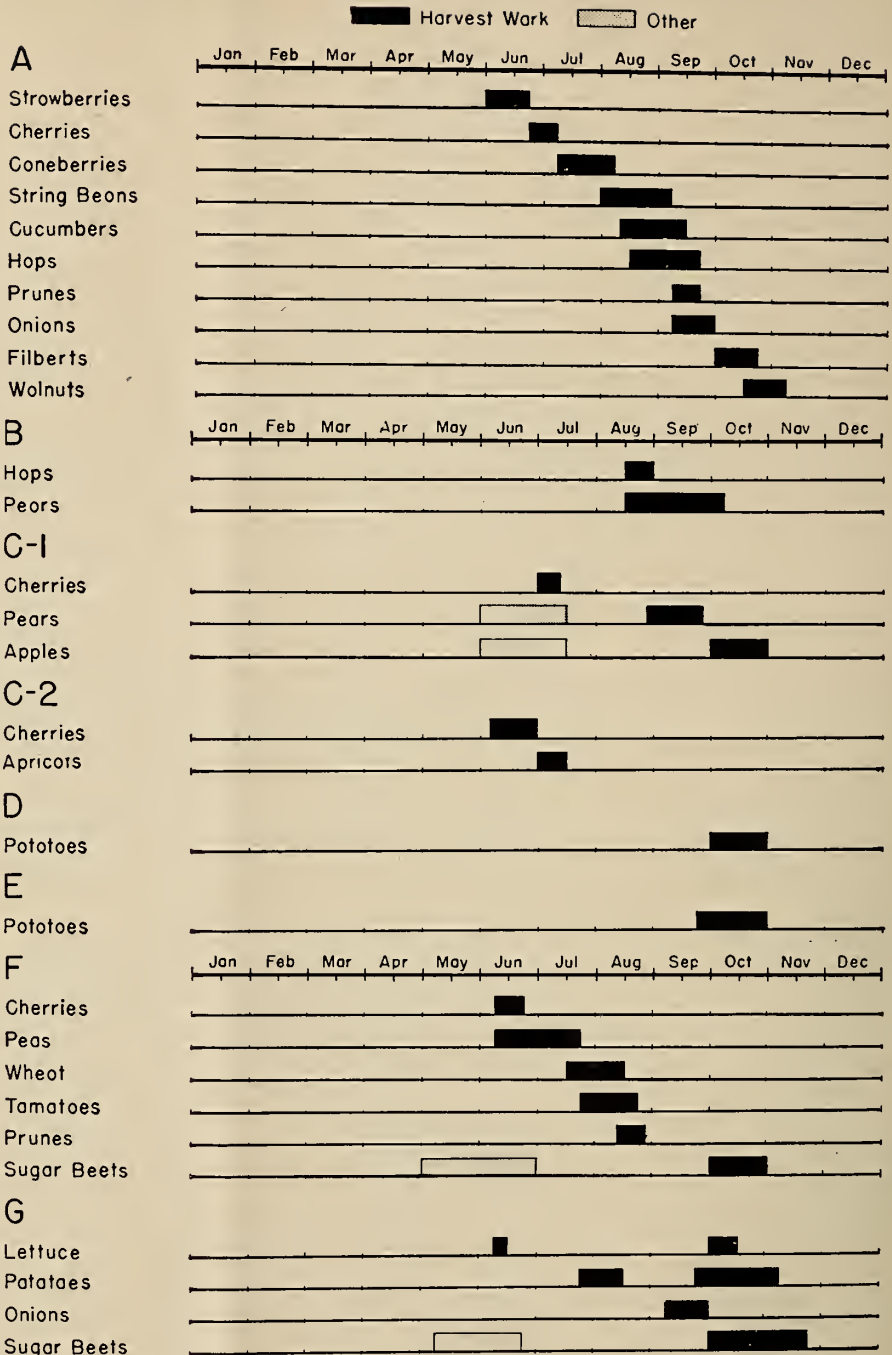
A typical farm labor camp. This booklet shows where camps like this are located.

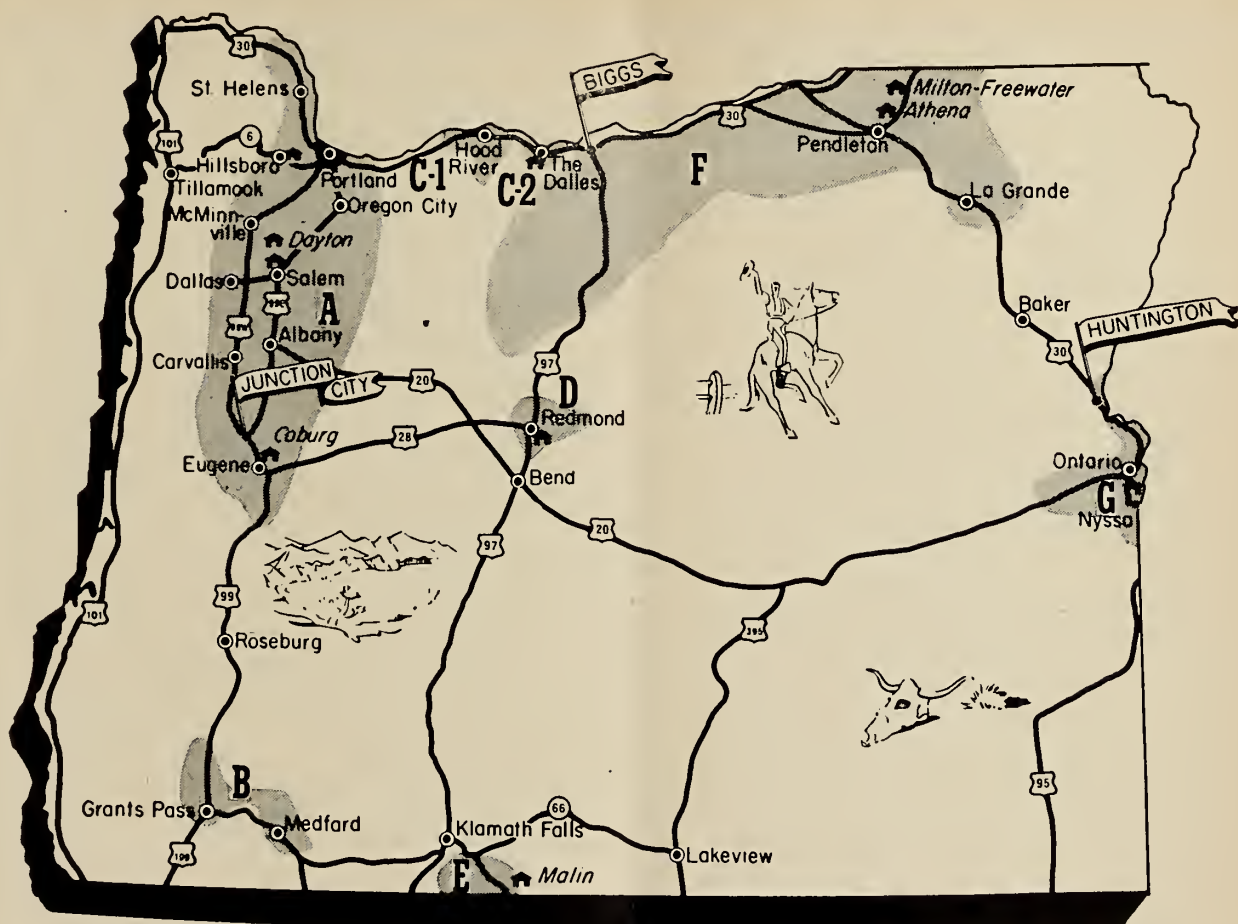




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Job Facts

A SALT LAKE VALLEY.—Sugar beets, tree fruits, snap beans, potatoes, tomatoes offer best job chances. Men preferred for sugar-beet thinning . . . hoeing . . . topping jobs. Family groups acceptable for cherry, apricot, peach picking. Snap bean, tomato, potato harvests take family groups. Housing available for all family groups and single workers required.

B DELTA.—Most work is in sugar beets, potatoes, carrots. Men, older boys preferred for beet field jobs. Family groups acceptable for all other work. Housing available for workers required.

C PRICE AREA.—Sugar-beet thinning, hoeing, topping jobs take most workers. Men, older boys preferred. Some housing available.

D CEDAR CITY AREA.—Carrot- and potato-harvest work. Men, women, older youth suitable. Field stoop jobs. Housing available for all workers needed.

E SAINT GEORGE AREA.—Ladder work in peach orchards. Both family groups, singles acceptable. Housing provided.

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Cherries
Apricots
Potatoes
Bush Beans
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Pole Beans
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Sugar Beets

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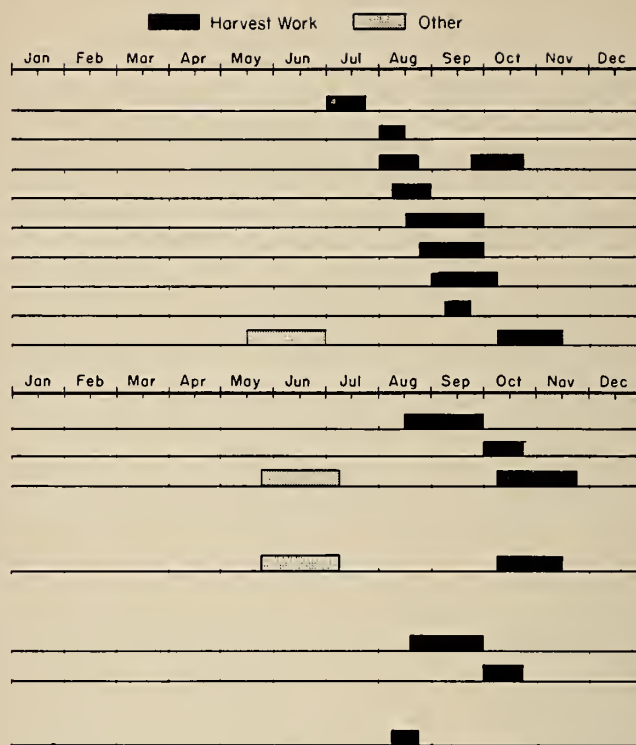
Sugar Beets

D

Carrots
Potatoes

E

Peaches



Carrot harvest . . . jobs for the skilled and unskilled.



Snap-bean yards use many pickers.





Job Facts

A WESTERN WASHINGTON.—Strawberries, caneberries, vegetable crops. Families, singles fit berry picking. Pea harvest takes men for viner jobs. Other harvest work in snap beans, potatoes, hay, corn. Camps: Mount Vernon . . . holds 12 families, 560 men (three camps). Growers furnish housing for most part.

B WHITE SALMON.—Ladder work in pear, apple, cherry orchards. Men, older boys preferred. Growers furnish housing.

C YAKIMA VALLEY.—Apple, apricot, pear, peach, cherry orchard ladder work. Hops, sugar beets, field crops. Men, older boys preferred for orchard jobs. Camps: Yakima . . . holds 350 families. Granger . . . holds 800 families. Other housing limited.

D ELLENSBURG.—Sweet corn, potatoes. Men, older boys preferred. Camp: Kittitas . . . holds 40 families. Some farm housing available although limited.

E CHELAN-OKANOGAN.—Ladder work in apple, pear, peach, apricot, cherry orchards. Men, older boys preferred. Packing-shed work for women. Camps: At Peshastin . . . holds 50 families, 150 men. Camps for men only . . . and number each holds: Wenatchee, 175; Tonasket, 125; Oroville, 100. Other housing limited.

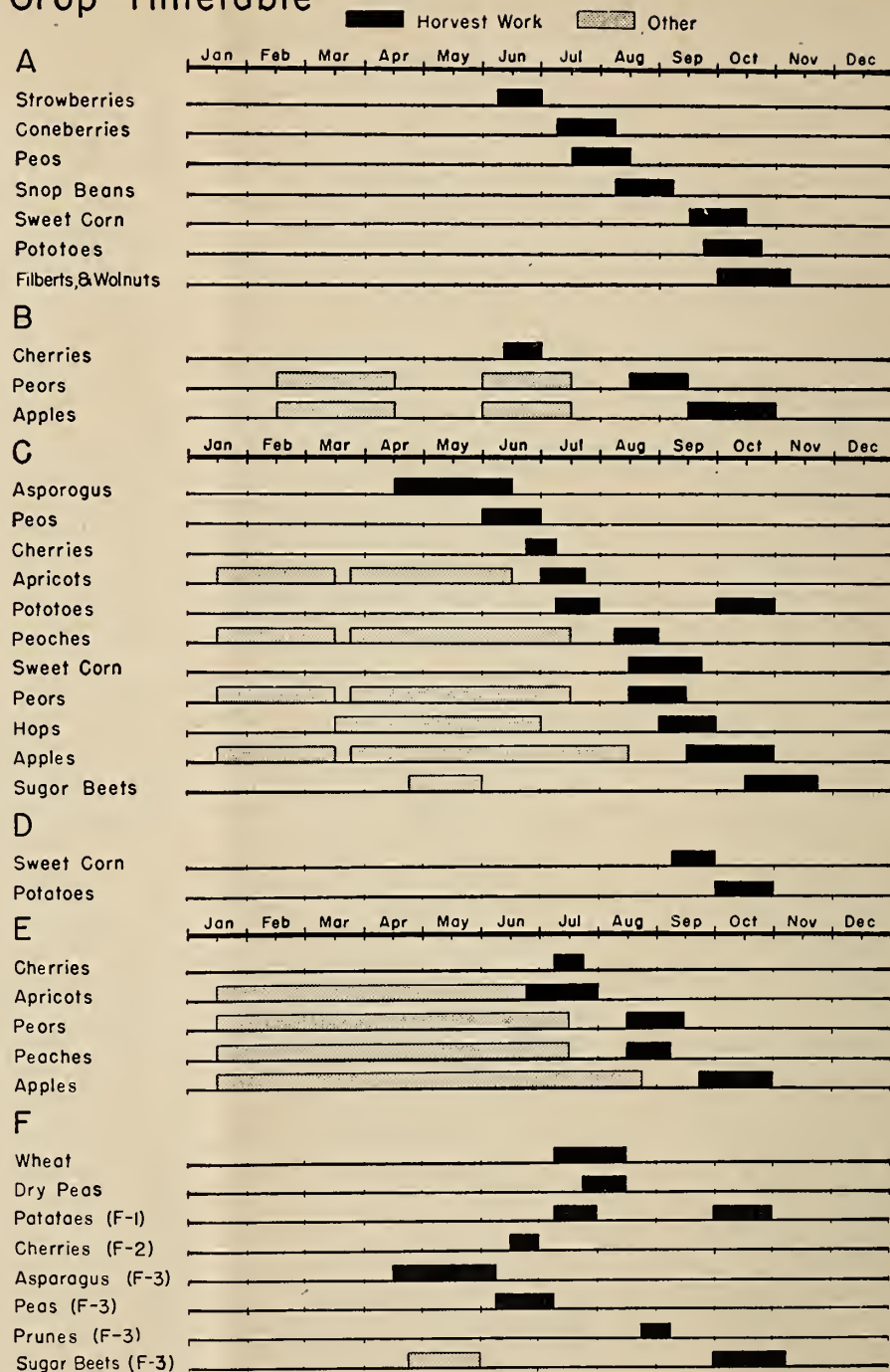
F BIG BEND-PALOUSE.—Wheat, dry peas, hay. Men only. Crews housed and boarded on the ranches.

F-1 MOSES LAKE.—Onions, potatoes. Men, older boys preferred. Most workers must furnish their own shelter.

F-2 CLARKSTON.—Cherries. Ladder work. Men preferred. Limited housing.

F-3 WALLA WALLA VALLEY.—Sugar beets, peas, asparagus, truck crops. Men, older boys fitted for pea viner, sugar-beet work. Some family opportunities. Camps: Walla Walla . . . holds 125 families, 400 single men. Camps for men only . . . and number each holds: Dayton, 450; Waitsburg, 250. Some farm cabins, tents furnished.

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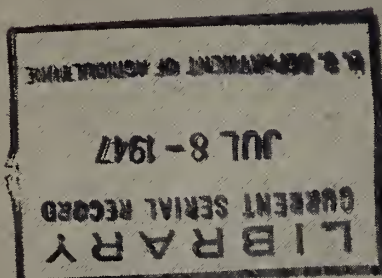


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